

ANNUAL REPORT



Groton, Vermont

Year Ending January 31, 1946

"Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking;
Dream of battled fields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking.

Huntsman, rest! thy chase is done;
Think not of the rising sun,
For at dawning to assail ye
Here no bugles sound reveille."

Groton officially in this town report welcomes home all her sons who have been in the service of our country. All of you have acquitted yourselves well and to you goes the everlasting gratitude of ourselves and our posterity. Your duty done, you wish to find peace and rest. No better place in the world to do this exists than on the shores of your own Lake Groton. The view on this cover showing this lake from the shelter at Owl's Head beckons you and your friends to seek it and its pleasures. There you can with old friends of your town and the new friends you may have made in your travels relive the "battles of long ago". You have traveled far in your adventures but we are confident that here at Lake Groton the query will always be in the words of the poet,

"Where shall he find, in foreign land,
So lone a lake, so sweet a strand?"



ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

Town of Groton, Vermont

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Town Officers

Moderator

George H. Ricker

Selectmen

Gerald I. Morse

John W. French

Herman P. Ricker

School Directors

Emma Graham

Earl Welch

Alice Goodine

Road Commissioner

Marshal Darling

Overseer

Raymond J. Page

Constable and Collector

George H. Ricker

Listers

Earl Welch

Malcolm Graham

Wendell **Crown**

Clerk and Treasurer

George H. Millis

Auditors

Earl Rock

Burton L. Brown

Ralph N. Carpenter

Library Trustees

Helene White

Nellie Jeffrey

Ida M. Ricker

Mrs. L. W. Hanson

Minnie Brown

Grand Juror for One Year

Ralph B. Foster

Report of Tax Collector

Year	Due 2/1/1945	Collected	Discount	Due 2/1/1946
1945	\$25,890.64	\$23,450.47	\$363.36	\$2,076.81
1944	2,841.53	2,030.38		811.15
1943	1,402.68	843.87		558.81
1942	707.29	487.71		219.58
1941	543.30	328.85		214.45
1940	510.28	101.39		408.89
1939	334.79	103.89		230.90
1938	271.04	162.82		108.22
1937	143.06	73.06		70.00
1936	145.63	69.48		76.15
1935	72.83	38.96		33.87
1934	33.44	24.44		9.00
1933	37.05	28.68		8.37
1932	66.00	60.50		5.50
1931	65.50	65.50		
1930	54.23	54.23		
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Total	\$33,119.29	\$27,924.23	\$363.36	\$4,831.70

Uncollected taxes 2/1/34 \$23,473.53

Uncollected taxes 2/1/46 4,831.70

Reduced \$18,641.83

GEORGE H. RICKER

Collector of Taxes

The completion of this report shows that I have collected and paid into the treasury of the Town of Groton a total of \$270,898.27.

Report of Treasurer

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1945	\$ 4,445.54
Cash from George Ricker, Collector	27,924.23

Cash received from:

State of Vermont, rebate on hedgehogs	\$ 55.00
Rebate from Socony Vac. Oil Co.	15.90
Town Clerk, dog license money	181.50
Montpelier Nat. Bank, borrowed money	2,988.75
Soldier's Monument Fund	3.11
Perley Williams, paid on place	85.00
E. E. Darling Fund	2,000.00
Cemetery Fund	130.54
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	5,459.80

Overseer

R. J. Page, rebates	464.50
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Road Commissioner

State of Vermont, roads 1944	1,998.59
State of Vermont, winter roads	674.79
State of Vermont, resurfacing	646.86
State of Vermont, roads 1945	5,176.63
Ernest Parker, cold patch	15.00
E. B. Willey, cold patch	10.00
E. D. Ricker, cold patch	10.00
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	8,531.87

School

Town of Ryegate, tuition	575.00
Town of Topsham, tuition	136.00
Ira Farrow, tuition	35.00
Lyle Fraser, supplies sold	8.50
Mattie Frost, lease land	4.97
Ralph Evans, lease land	1.03
Meroa Cassady, lease land	18.00
For-All Grain Co., rebate on coal	27.72
William Emery, rebate transportation tax	54.15
Henry Cassady, rebate transportation tax	43.99
State of Vermont, Vocational Education	914.30
State of Vermont, state aid for schools	4,879.04
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	6,697.70

\$53,523.64

Selectmen's Order No. 50, loaned to School
and refunded

1,700.00

Total receipts

\$55,223.64

Cash Paid Out

Selectmen's Orders	15,061.92
Bank Charges	6.00
School Directors Orders	19,439.18
Overseer's Orders	2,848.83
Road Commissioner's Orders, Town	1,874.26
State Road Orders, Selected	4,042.89
State Road Orders, Unselected	2,411.50
Winter Roads	378.60
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	\$46,063.18
Outstanding Order No. 154	5.00
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Total Payments	\$46,068.18

Total Receipts \$55,223.64

Total Payments 46,068.18

Cash in hands of treasurer \$ 9,155.46

GEORGE H. MILLIS, Treasurer

Financial Standing

Liabilities

Montpelier National Bank, Bonds	\$15,000.00
Order No. 3, Feb. 1, 1919, I. H. Goodwin	1,000.00
Order No. 53, July 1, 1921, Jessie Whitehill	1,000.00
Order No. 147, Jan. 30, 1929, E. E. Darling	2,200.00
Order No. 348, April 28, 1932, Trustees Methodist Church	1,000.00
Order No. 1, Feb. 6, 1935, Carl Vance	700.00
Order No. 26, April 13, 1935, Carl Vance	900.00
Order No. 27, Mar. 7, 1941, Trustees Methodist Church	1,000.00
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	\$22,800.00

Assets

Due on tax bills, see Collector's report	\$ 4,831.70
Real Estate Bought	700.00
Georgia Lund Mortgage Note	595.34
Fifty Shares Class B Stock	1,000.00
Material in hands of Selectmen	600.00
Due from State, winter maintenance	1,000.00
Due from Town of Ryegate, care of Rob Davidson	1,194.40
Cash in hands of Treasurer	9,155.46
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	\$19,076.90

Total Liabilities	\$22,800.00
Total Assets	19,076.90

Town Debt	\$ 3,723.10
Town Debt 1944-'45	7,118.59
Town Debt 1945-'46	3,723.10

Town Debt Reduced	\$ 3,395.49
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There is included in the Cash in the hands of the Treasurer (\$9,155.46) a sum of \$1,700 of the E. E. Darling fund to be used toward a community building. \$700 of this was given to the Town and \$1,000 is to be returned to the E. E. Darling Estate unless otherwise specified before his death.

There is not included in the Cash in the hands of the Treasurer (\$9,155.46) \$500 given to the Town by E. E. Darling in May, 1943 to be used as the Selectmen see fit.

Report of Selectmen

Order No.

1. Gerald Morse, services as Selectman	\$ 115.00
2. H. P. Ricker, services as Selectman	65.00
3. John French, services as Selectman	65.00
4. Gerald Morse, postage, mileage, and telephone	33.19
5. Dimick's Garage, repairs on truck, gas and oil	227.79
6. George Ricker, Collecting taxes, 1% on \$20,071.90	200.72
7. Ida Welch, 28 hrs. typing	11.20
8. Waldo Heath, shoveling snow 26 hrs. @ .60c	15.60
9. George Ricker, tax abatements	180.09
10. Marshal Darling, 275 hrs. winter roads	175.62
11. Ned Lindsey, 180 hrs. winter roads	123.00
12. William Emery, 235 hrs. winter roads	141.00
13. Linwood Welch, 58 hrs. winter road work	34.80
14. Zane Heath, 5 hrs. work on snow plow	3.00
15. Lowell McLeod, repairs on snow plow	27.21
16. Henry W. Cassady, helping get snow plow out of the ditch	3.50
17. Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., for Mobilfuel Diesel	17.98
18. A. M. Flanders Inc., repairs on snow plow	54.85
19. Dr. A. C. Archambault, services rendered as Health Officer	13.00
20. Vermont Road Equipment Co., repairs on snow plow	154.08
21. Harry M. Welch, for 18 planks	14.40
22. Cowles Press, Inc., printing 2 Overseer of Poor Order Books	5.50
23. Casellini Venable Corp., for 2 hinges	2.42
24. Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., fuel oil	185.38
25. Cowles Press, Inc., order books for Road Commissioner, Selectmen, and School Directors	17.50
26. Ida Dennis, typing 12 hrs.	4.80
27. Cowles Press, Inc., 450 Town Reports	105.00
28. Casellini-Venable Corp., for springs and washers	3.42
29. R. J. Page, for board and room for Old Age Investigator in 1944	15.00
30. Harold Darling, 10 hrs. shoveling snow	6.00
31. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	2.00
32. Socony Vacuum Oil Co., mobiloil and kerosene	52.35
33. Justin Ashford, 46 hrs. winter roads	27.60
34. Ned Lindsey, 40 hrs. winter roads	24.00
35. H. P. Ricker, money paid for dinners 4 days and phone calls	10.30
36. William Emery, 24 hrs. labor on roads	14.40
37. George Ricker, 24 road posts	7.20
38. Wendell Crown, 11 hrs. work on snow plow	11.00
39. Ralph Bailey, 20 hrs. work on snow plow	14.00

40. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	2.00
41. Marshal Darling, 84 hrs. work on roads	63.00
42. Justin Ashford, 35 hrs. work on roads	21.00
43. Arnold Whitehill, breaking out own road	5.00
44. Motor Vehicle Dept., registration of town truck	10.00
45. Spoiled	
46. Philip Conforti, for tending fires in town garage, 22 weeks	44.00
47. Mrs. C. J. Bailey, rent of garages and sheds Jan., Feb., & Mar.	45.00
48. A. M. Flanders, welding hinges	1.00
49. Twin State Publishing Co., Inc., printing dog license blanks	3.50
50. School Directors, money borrowed by school	1,700.00
51. Groton Historical Society, from Ellsworth Darling fund	300.00
52. Elmer Frost, labor & material cementing apron on bridge	33.44
53. Elmer Frost, labor & material on dynamite boxes	13.95
54. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	1.00
55. Ida Dennis, typing for Auditors and Selectmen	3.35
56. D. G. McKay, stone dray and irons for truck	12.25
57. P. T. White, gas and material	28.19
58. Vt. Road Equipment Co., repairs on snow plow, per bill	33.12
59. Casellini-Venable Corp., for used bull set, chain links, plow bolts	4.90
60. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	1.00
61. Clarence D. Welch, 9½ hrs. cutting tree from road, shoveling snow	5.70
62. B. L. Brown, postage, Town Reports '44 & '45, ½ day with car collecting absentee votes	20.00
63. Harold Eastman, 22½ hrs. work in cemetery	18.00
64. McAuliffe Paper Co., Inc., for 9 doz. flags	4.91
65. Spoiled	
66. C. E. Ricker, fire insurance on Willie Annis place	1.60
67. Groton Village Trustees, due on '44 fire truck expense	5.24
68. A. M. Flanders, Inc., welding tractor parts	25.86
69. G. H. Millis, payments made for hedgehogs	5.50
70. Ralph Evans, for 73 hedgehogs	36.50
71. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	1.00
72. Farm Bureau Automobile Ins., Co., insurance premium on truck	9.25
73. Vt. Road Equipment Co., 4 linings, 4 roller assembly	32.00
74. George Ricker, 10 tax liens, and services town meeting day	8.00
75. Gerald Smith, rent of Town Clerk's Office Aug. 21, '44 to July 2, '45	56.25

76. Harold Eastman, work in cemetery	21.60
77. Mrs. C. J. Bailey, rent of garages & sheds, Apr., May, June	45.00
78. W. C. Foley, sharpening lawn mower for cemetery work	1.00
79. Harold Eastman, 35½ hrs. work in cemetery	28.40
80. Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies for Town Clerk's office	7.16
81. William Cassady, garage bill for town truck, per slips	53.18
82. G. H. Millis, for filing tax liens	5.00
83. George Ricker, sending out tax notices	20.00
84. George Dimick, repairs for truck, per slips	24.62
85. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	1.00
86. Wendell Crown, 88 hrs. listing	57.20
87. Harold Eastman, 32½ hrs. work in cemetery	26.00
88. Socony Vacuum Oil Co., fuel oil	197.58
89. Twin State Publishing Co., printing tax bills, notices, tax receipt books	37.75
90. Ralph C. Lord, Adm. of Estate of Chas. Lord, for printing	93.40
91. Marshal Darling, for Federal stamp for truck	5.00
92. Ida Dennis, for searching records, typing, and making deeds	3.50
93. Central Garage, as per bill	17.40
94. Montpelier National Bank, interest on note to August	288.75
95. Harold Eastman, labor in cemetery	22.80
96. Harold Eastman, labor in cemetery	46.40
97. Montpelier National Bank, note	3,000.00
98. Groton Bobbin Co., wood for Town Clerk's Office	10.00
99. Earl E. Brock, services as Auditor	25.00
100. Ralph Carpenter, services as Auditor and ballot clerk	29.00
101. Burton L. Brown, services as Auditor	25.00
102. Southwestern Petroleum Co., as per invoice	51.30
103. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	1.00
104. Mrs. E. C. Frost, making 1945 tax bills	25.00
105. George Ricker, for 11 posts	2.75
106. Harold Eastman, labor in cemetery	37.60
107. Groton Grain Co., coal and cement	81.48
108. Marshal Darling, 40 hrs. labor on roads	30.00
109. Justin Ashford, 28 hrs. labor on roads	18.20
110. William Emery, 29 hrs. labor on roads	18.85
111. John Ashford, 43 hrs. labor on roads	27.95
112. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	1.00
113. Harold Eastman, mowing cemeteries	24.00
114. Farm Machine Exchange, as per bill	12.87
115. Glen Findlay, Farm Bureau tax	74.35
116. Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies for Land Record Book	2.94
117. Socony Vacuum Oil Co., fuel oil	124.64
118. George Millis, payments for hedgehogs	8.00

119. Carroll Ricker, new insurance policy on office furniture	15.70
120. Mrs. C. J. Bailey, rent of garages and sheds for July, Aug. & Sept.	45.00
121. D. B. Smith & Co., 6 India Fire Pumps	54.00
122. C. E. Ricker, insurance policy No. 354923	1.98
123. Vermont Road Equipment Co., universal joint	4.90
124. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	2.00
125. Casellini Venable Corp., repairs for snow plow	17.50
126. Herman Williams, building fires at Town Clerk's Office 4 mo.	6.00
127. Old Age Assistance Dept., for old age assistance	720.00
128. M. J. Darling, 48 hrs. labor on roads	36.00
129. Justin Ashford, 40 hrs. labor on roads	26.00
130. William Emery, 33 hrs. labor on roads	21.45
131. William N. Emery, 14 hrs. labor on roads	9.10
132. Justin Ashford, 28 hrs. labor on roads	18.20
133. William Emery, 31 hrs. labor on roads	20.15
134. William N. Emery, 18 hrs. labor on roads	11.70
135. W. C. Foley, sharpening lawn mower for cemetery work	1.00
136. A. M. Flanders Inc., welding snow plow	44.75
137. Lowell McLeod, work on snow plow	15.97
138. Fred Hayes, cutting bushes	12.00
139. Floyd McDonald, 10 hrs. shoveling snow	7.50
140. M. J. Darling, 66 hrs. winter road work	49.50
141. Eben McDonald, 8 hrs. winter road work	6.00
142. Justin Ashford, 7 hrs. labor on roads	4.55
143. William Emery, 34 hrs. labor on winter roads	22.10
144. William N. Emery, 7 hrs. labor on winter roads	4.55
145. Ned Lindsey, 8 hrs. labor on winter roads	5.20
146. Elmer Frost, fire fighting as per bill	16.70
147. George Millis, payments on hedgehogs	5.00
148. Carroll Ricker, new policy on library books	2.50
149. State of Vt. treasurer, assessment on 302	881.66
150. Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Ins. Co., insurance on truck	9.25
151, 152, 153, 154, Spoiled	
155. International Salt Co., salt for roads	61.20
156. Green Mt. Power Corp., lights	1.00
157. W. N. Emery, 49 hrs. work on winter roads	31.85
158. William Emery, 84 hrs. work on winter roads	54.60
159. M. J. Darling, 84 hrs. labor on winter roads	63.00
160. Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gas for tractor and truck	91.68
161. Dimick's Garage, repairs on truck	2.10
162. Vermont Road Equipment Co., repairs for tractor	22.78
163. Howard Joslyn, 15 hrs. labor with tractor on winter roads @ \$4.00 per hr.	60.00
164. Montpelier National Bank, 1 Bond paid	1,500.00
165. Montpelier National Bank, interest on Bonds	288.75

166. I. H. Goodwin, interest on Order No. 3, Feb. 1, 1918, from Feb. 1, 1945 to Feb. 1, 1946	35.00
167. Spoiled	
168. Jessie Whitehill, interest on Order No. 53, July 1, 1921, from Feb. 1, 1945 to Feb. 1, 1946	35.00
169. Carl Vance, interest on Orders No. 1, Feb. 6, 1935, No. 26, April 13, 1935, from Feb. 1, 1945 to Feb. 1, 1946	56.00
170. Spoiled	
171. Methodist Church Trustees, interest on Orders No. 27 March 1941, No. 348, Apr. 28, 1932, from Feb. 1, 1945 to Feb. 1, 1946	70.00
172. Mrs. J. B. Renfrew, services as librarian & lights	112.00
173. Library Trustees, library expense	25.00
174. Milton Julian, County tax	52.40
172. Mrs. J. B. Renfrew, services as librarian, & lights	112.00
176. George Millis, lights, vital statistics, and postage	17.00
177. State of Vt. treasurer, black top	35.00
178. Mrs. C. J. Bailey, rent of garages and sheds Oct., Nov., Dec.	45.00
179. Malcolm Graham, 96 hrs. listing	62.40
180. Emma Graham, services in compiling Grand List Book for 1945	35.00
181. H. P. Ricker, mileage, telephone, health officer, posts	38.79
182. E. E. Darling, interest on Order No. 147 Jan. 30, 1929 and money given to town	102.00
183. George Ricker, Collector, taxes abated	493.38
Total	<hr/> \$15,061.92

Classification of Selectmen's Orders

Interest	\$ 875.50
Taxes Abated	493.38
Cost of Winter Roads	1,396.91
Salaries	620.79
Postage, Printing & Telephone	376.09
Insurance	40.28
Registration	10.00
Listers' salaries and mileage	119.60
Rents	280.25
Bridges	61.79
Cemetery Expense	231.71
Gas and Material	861.28
Repairs on truck and tractor	650.70
Health Officer	13.00
Library Expense	137.00
State Highway 302	881.66
Fuel	91.48
School Directors, money borrowed by school	1,700.00
Balance commission on tax collections	408.81

Payments for Hedgehogs	55.00
Notes and interest bearing orders paid	3,000.00
Bonds paid	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	735.00
Making tax books	25.00
Lights	13.00
Fire Truck Expense	21.94
Farm Bureau Tax	74.35
Groton Historical Society	300.00
County Tax	52.40
Rebate on Cold Patch	35.00
Total	<hr/> \$15,061.92

GERALD MORSE
H. P. RICKER

The following bridges and improved road work was done this year under the supervision of the Selectmen and Road Commissioner with the approval of the District Commissioner.

On State Highway No. 3, leading from State Highway No. 302 to State Forest Area, resurfacing with gravel.

On State Highway No. 2, leading from Groton to Ryegate, retreating with tar and crushed gravel, blade mixing, and rolling.

On State Highway No. 1, leading from Groton to Topsham, retreating with tar and crushed gravel, blade mixing and rolling.

On State Highway No. 2, leading from Groton to Ryegate, constructing ditches and cutting off high shoulders.

There was \$1,045.48 available for Selected Highway No. 3 leading from 302 to Ricker Mills, but due to labor shortage, we were unable to use this sum, which will be carried over for use next year.

The Town Highway or Unselected money was expended as follows:

Job No. 1, Graveling, constructing ditches and repairing culverts on Peacham road from Welch's place northerly; Job No. 3, cleaning ditches and culverts on any Town road.

Sum expended \$2,502.41

There was \$667.25 available for winter maintenance of Town Highways, and \$342.50 available for winter maintenance of Selected Highways.

We are submitting below an estimated budget which is based on actual expenses that must be paid. We ask the tax payers to give this careful consideration that the Town may continue to reduce its interest bearing debt.

GERALD MORSE
JOHN FRENCH
H. P. RICKER

Selectmen.

**Comparative Statement of the Financial
Condition of the Town from 1936 to 1946.**

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate	Town Debt
1936-37	\$5,518.18	\$4.00	\$29,865.33
1937-38	5,402.31	3.75	26,834.83
1938-39	5,380.20	3.60	25,666.12
1939-40	5,244.05	3.75	21,601.81
1940-41	5,245.88	3.77	18,791.28
1941-42	5,192.74	3.85	17,092.13
1942-43	5,061.20	3.90	15,959.15
1943-44	5,194.05	4.12	13,070.91
1944-45	5,240.92	4.43	7,118.59
1945-46	5,173.24	4.85	3,723.10

Budget

Overseer	\$.35
Summer Roads	.30
Winter Roads	.30
Retire Bonds	.30
Interest	.25
Route No. 302	.20
General Expenses	.45
Town Officers	.20
Total Town Tax	<hr/> \$2.35

DOG ACCOUNT

87 Dogs licensed at \$2.00 each	\$174.00
2 Dogs licensed at \$6.00 each	12.00
1 Dog licensed at \$9.00	9.00
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	\$195.00
Less Town Clerk's fee of 15c each	13.50
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	\$181.50

GEORGE H. MILLIS, Town Clerk.

Report of Road Commissioner

SUMMARY

Expended on Selected Highways

Treasurer of State of Vermont, cold patch	\$ 365.00
Treasurer of State of Vermont, labor	1,347.73
Treasurer of State of Vermont, gravel	476.25
The Barrett Division, tarvia	1,853.91
Total	<hr/> \$ 4,042.89

SUMMARY

Expended on Town Highways

Marshal Darling, 844 hours, labor	\$ 633.00
Justin Ashford, 821 hours, labor	503.15
William Emery, 604 hours, labor	369.05
Ned Lindsey, 276 hours, labor	165.00
John Ashford, 114 hours, labor	74.10
New England Metal Culvert Co., culvert	9.22
A. M. Flanders, culverts	51.44
Linwood Welch, 8 hours, labor, and use of tractor	20.00
Pearl Moulton, 23 hours labor cutting bushes	14.95
Gerald Morse, 337½ yds. gravel	33.75
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,874.26

SUMMARY

Expended on Unselected Highways

Marshal Darling, 540 hours, labor	\$ 450.00
Justin Ashford, 543 hours, labor	350.65
William Emery, 456 hours, labor	295.35
John Ashford, 286 hours, labor	181.40
Joe McQueen, 40 hours, labor	26.00
Douglas French, 26 hours, labor	16.90
William N. Emery, 66 hours, labor	42.90
Willard Martin, use of trucks	388.95
D. H. Corborneau, use of trucks and shovel	560.35
John French, gravel	144.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,411.50

SUMMARY

Expended on Winter Highways

Marshal Darling, 162 hours labor	\$ 121.50
William Emery, 122 hours labor	79.25
Arthur Cornish, 116 hours labor	75.40
Joseph Davis, 8 hours labor	5.20
Ned Lindsey, labor on snow plow	97.25
Total	<hr/> \$ 378.60

The Groton Town History Committee presents the following financial report from the Wells River Savings Bank, in which its funds are deposited:

To Whom it May Concern

This is to certify that the amount shown on account No. 15625, Groton Town History Committee, Groton, Vermont, as of January 1, 1946 is \$1,011.94.

Wells River Savings Bank

By J. Pearle Hinman, Treasurer.

Library and Community Building Fund

Cash in Bank	\$ 3,059.66
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The committee further reports that considerable progress has been made in the collection and classification of material by Mr. Waldo Glover, who has consented to write the history.

Again the request is made that any person or family having possession of old statistical reports and records, old letters, pictures or sketches of incidents relating to the incorporation, settlement and development of the town, etc., forward the same to Mr. Glover or to some member of the committee.

Given the cooperation which the project merits the Groton Town History should be one of the best in the state.

NELLIE T. JEFFREY,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Report of Overseer

	Food	Clothing	Town Expense	Board and Care	Medical and Hospital	Total	Rebates	
Rob Davidson		\$17.00		\$1,020.00	13.00	1,050.00	363.50	
Henry Daniels				23.00		23.00		
David Galvin					213.65	213.65		
Georgiana Lund					595.34	595.34		
Earl Long	10.00					10.00		
Mrs. Merton Peck					9.00	9.00	9.00	
E. C. Page	120.00					120.00		
Mrs. Jennie Rowe	29.81					29.81		
Services Overseer			100.00			100.00		
Services Overseer			12.50			12.50		
Feb. '45								
Town Expense			30.00			30.00		
Welfare			655.53			655.53		
Total	\$159.81	\$17.00	\$798.03	\$1,043.00	\$857.99	\$2,848.83		
Joe Wright							10.00	
Edwin Goodwin '41							82.00	
							<u>\$464.50</u>	Total Rebates
								\$2,848.83
								<u>—464.50</u>
								\$2,384.33 Total Cost

Mrs. Georgiana Lund gave the town a mortgage to cover her bill.

Report of School Directors

Town Year

February 1, 1945—February 1, 1946

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' Salaries	\$11,993.83
Supervision	878.04
School Directors	80.00
Janitors	764.25
School Books	237.64
Supplies	269.93
Repairs	201.35
Furniture	87.80
Lights	143.87
Fuel	1,207.63
Transportation	1,520.00
Cleaning Schoolhouses	86.25
School Census	8.40
Insurance and two Bonds	186.75
Money borrowed from Town (Selectmen)	1,700.00
Miscellaneous	73.44
Total	<u>\$19,439.18</u>

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand, February 1, 1945	\$ 3,431.66
State Aid	4,879.04
Federal Aid, Vocational	914.30
Amount raised by Tax @ \$2.15	11,052.59
Amount raised by Special Tax @ .40	2,056.29
Tuition, Ryegate	575.00
Tuition, Topsham	136.00
Tuition, Ira Farrow	35.00
Supplies Sold, Lyle Frazer	8.50
Lease Land—Mattie Frost	4.97
Lease Land—Ralph Evans	1.03
Lease Land—Meroa Cassady	18.00
Rebate on Coal—For-All Grain Co.	27.72
Rebate on Transportation Tax—William Emery	54.15
Rebate on Transportation Tax—Henry Cassady	43.99
Selectmen's Order No. 50, Borrowed from the Groton Library Association Fund	1,700.00
Total	<u>\$24,938.24</u>
Amount Orders Drawn	<u>19,439.18</u>
Balance in Treasury February 1, 1946	\$ 5,499.06

STATE SCHOOL YEAR

July 1, 1944—June 30, 1945

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' Salaries	\$11,292.07
Supervision	878.04
School Directors	90.00
Janitors	703.30
Text Books	234.59
Supplies	300.02
Furniture	
Repairs	392.54
Fuel	1,376.66
Lights	120.62
Transportation	1,396.75
Insurance	174.20
School Census	8.76
Cleaning Schoolhouses	66.00
Money borrowed from Town (Selectmen)	400.00
Miscellaneous	31.43
Total	<u>\$17,464.98</u>

July 1, 1944—June 30, 1945

RECEIPTS

Raised by Tax	\$ 8,900.00
State Aid	3,663.01
Federal Aid	922.35
Tuition—Ryegate	450.00
Tuition—Topsham	99.00
Tuition—Farrow	20.00
Tuition—Wallace Gray	36.00
Lease Land	24.00
Rebate—For-All Grain Co.	28.67
Rebate—Newson and Co.	12.45
Money borrowed from Town (Selectmen)	3,200.00
Total	<u>\$17,363.98</u>
Orders Drawn	\$17,464.98
Deficit July 1, 1944	531.27
Deficit July 1, 1945	<u>\$ 632.27</u>

TEACHERS' SALARIES

July 1, 1945—June 30, 1946

VILLAGE SCHOOL

Schuyler Cornthwaite—Principal	\$ 2,700.00
Lillian Garvin	1,600.00
Dorothy Homeister	1,400.00
Pauline Fitch	1,600.00
Vivian Hutchins	1,100.00
Nora Tillotson	1,050.00
Everdene Hood	1,000.00
Thelma Donald	1,025.00

WESTVILLE

Cora Kennedy	1,000.00
Total	<hr/> \$12,475.00

SUPERVISION

J. Stewart Garvin	\$ 878.00
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JANITORS

Village School—Fred Carpenter	768.00
Westville—Bessie Welch—Fires and Water	40.00
Westville—Lillian Welch and Florence Darling—Sweeping	17.50
Total	<hr/> \$ 825.50

TRANSPORTATION

William Emery—Ricker's Mills—Dunn Route	\$ 700.00
Henry Cassady—Welch—Plummer Route	490.00
Eben McDonald—Carter Route	385.00
Total	<hr/> \$1,575.00

The Transportation Tax which was paid to the Internal Revenue Office has been returned to us according to law.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1946-1947

State Aid	\$ 5,126.00
Federal Aid	500.00
Tuition	750.00
Lease Land	20.00
Town School Tax	13,260.00
Total	<u>\$19,656.00</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET 1946-1947 AS PRESENTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

Teachers' Salaries	\$13,000.00
Supervision	878.00
Directors	100.00
Janitors	900.00
Text Books	150.00
Supplies	350.00
Furniture	100.00
Repairs	400.00
Fuel	1,200.00
Lights	140.00
Transportation	1,550.00
Insurance	200.00
Miscellaneous	175.00
	<u>\$19,143.00</u>

A School Tax Rate of \$2.60 will be necessary in order to meet School Expenses another year.

EMMA A. GRAHAM
EARL WELCH
ALICE GOODINE

Report of Superintendent

Members of the School Board and Citizens of the Town of Groton:

I submit, herewith, my annual report of the conditions existing in the schools of the Town of Groton.

TEACHERS

This year we have four elementary teachers in the village school. Although the enrollment in the elementary school has dropped below one hundred the teachers still have plenty to do. Since the teacher shortage is still very serious we are fortunate to have so many teachers return.

Due to the loss of both Mr. Frazer and Mr. Fletcher it was thought necessary to secure a man for the principalship of the high school. Mr. Schuyler Cornthwaite, who had been teaching in the Tilton School, in Tilton, N. H., was secured. Miss Pauline Fitch, a graduate of the University of Vermont, replaced Mrs. Welch in the Home Economics Department.

At Westville, Miss Cora Kennedy replaced Miss Dorothy Longmoore.

In recent years fewer girls from Groton have been taking up teacher training. If a greater number of high school graduates do not take up teacher training very soon, the present shortage of teachers will continue for four or five years.

AGRICULTURE, HOME ECONOMICS and COMMERCIAL

The Agriculture and Shop Work Course had to be given up this year because of the loss of Mr. Frazer to the armed forces. No other teacher was available. However a few teachers are being released by the army and we hope to have this course again next year.

In order to offer the boys something to replace this course World History, World Geography and Boys' Home Economics have been offered.

Most of the high school girls are taking advantage of the Home Economics Course. Miss Fitch is putting on a Hot Lunch program with the help of Mrs. Haskell. A large number of pupils enjoy this Hot Lunch which helps to keep the pupils in better health. However, at the present price of food, it is very difficult to finance this program and charge the pupils such a small amount.

In the Commercial Course Miss Garvin has two groups taking Typing. There is also a class in Commercial Arithmetic.

STATE AID

Regular state aid this year is \$4,879.04 compared with \$3,-663.01 last year.

The increase was provided by action of the Legislature. This increase has made it possible to increase teachers' salaries. The Legislature also set \$1,000 as the minimum salary that can be paid elementary teachers.

In addition \$513 will be received on account of Home Economics for the present school year.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Because of other expenses this year not many repairs have been made. The Second Primary Room needs to be painted. Also the study hall in the high school. A small office for the principal is badly needed. This could be made at small expense by using part of the Typing Room.

New fluorescent lights have been installed in the study hall of the high school. The money secured by the school in the scrap drives was used to pay for these. The Directors paid for the installation. Better artificial lighting is needed throughout the building.

Additional desks have been secured for the high school.

At Westville the teacher and community have raised \$176 to be used in putting running water in the school.

ACTIVITIES

The high school is again carrying out a full schedule of athletic activities. Mr. Puffer coached the baseball team this Fall. The boys had a very good team. The basketball team, coached by Mr. Cornthwaite, is also making a good record. Miss Fitch is coaching the girls' basketball.

Social activities are being carried on. The Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet is an annual affair. Religious instruction is being given in all grades through the high school.

A P. T. A. has been organized and is working to bring about a better understanding of school problems.

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

The following table gives the enrollment by schools and by grades. The per cent of attendance for the Fall term is also given.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PER CENT TOTAL ATTEND.	
High									22	12	13	9	56	96.3
Grammar							10	11					21	96.8
Intermediate					12	6							18	97.
Second Primary			14	10									24	98.
Primary	9	10											19	97.4
Westville	3		3	1	1	4		2					14	98.1
Totals	12	10	17	11	13	10	10	13	22	12	13	9	152	97.3

The total enrollment is seventeen less than last year. The high school enrollment increased seventeen but the elementary enrollment decreased.

There were eleven high school tuition pupils enrolled for the Fall term—all from Ryegate. There is one elementary tuition pupil from Ryegate.

Now that the war is over an effort is being made to have better attendance by high school pupils. There should be fewer requests to keep pupils out to work. We hope that parents will cooperate with the school and will not ask to have pupils excused unless absolutely necessary.

HEALTH

The teachers have tested the vision of the school children. Eleven children seemed to have some defects. The superintendent tested the hearing with an audiometer. This is a fairly accurate test. Twelve pupils appeared to have some hearing defect. The important thing is to have something done about this. Some glasses have already been secured.

As a result of the war nearly everyone realizes the importance of good health. There should be state aid to encourage towns to secure a district nurse. The school children in Groton should have all the health services that children in other parts of the state enjoy.

CLOTHING EDUCATION

The project in Clothing Education under the sponsorship of the Sloan Foundation is being continued. New instructional material is being prepared and sent to the school. The children are getting valuable information and are forming desirable habits.

SUMMARY

1. Salaries necessary to retain and secure efficient teachers should continue to be paid.

2. More interest on the part of Groton young people in teacher training.

3. State aid is needed in order to encourage towns to provide better health services.

4. Agriculture Course started again next year if a teacher is available.

5. An office provided for the Principal.

6. Modern lighting system installed as rapidly as possible.

In conclusion I wish to thank parents, teachers and Directors for their cooperation with me and for the support that they have given the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEWART GARVIN,
Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1945	\$ 34.68
Refund on books	.18
Received from Mrs. Noyes	25.00
Received appropriation from Town for 1945	25.00
	<hr/> \$ 84.86
Books purchased	\$ 19.79
Balance Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1946	\$ 65.07

MINNIE L. BROWN,
Treasurer, Library Trustees.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

From Jan. 1, 1945 to Jan. 1, 1946.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 8.35
Received for fines	19.88
	<hr/> \$ 28.23
Paid for subscriptions to magazines	\$ 3.00
Paid for Supplies	5.01
Postage	.11
	<hr/> \$ 8.12
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1946	\$ 20.11
Number of Books Loaned	2,123
Number of Magazines Loaned	236
Number of Patrons	1,185

MRS. J. B. RENFREW, Librarian.

VERMONT OLD AGE ASSISTANCE DEPT.

120 STATE STREET

MONTPELIER, VERMONT

For the information of your taxpayers the customary annual statement is presented for your town report.

PAYMENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS APPLYING FROM YOUR TOWN AMOUNTED TO \$4,124.50 DURING THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 1945 TO DECEMBER 31, 1945.

THE NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS IN DECEMBER, 1945 WAS 19.

The resources of this department and its ability to make payments are determined by the state appropriation which is matched by federal funds. During recent months it has not been possible to grant assistance or to increase all who were found eligible after investigation. The cost of living has increased so much that about every case needs to be increased that is not now getting the maximum. The cooperation of Overseers in extending temporary aid and supplementary medical services has been very helpful.

The administrative expenses of this department have risen slightly during the biennial period but the administrative review of the Social Security Board emphasizes that the total administrative cost per case per month is among the lowest in the country.

The advice and counsel of local officials and interested people are gratefully acknowledged by this department and its field staff.

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. SEWARD,

Director.

To the People of Vermont:

With the successful completion of the Victory Loan Campaign Vermont and the nation has concluded the last of the great war financing jobs. These campaigns in Vermont have been successful because a fine campaign organization has been able to reach a generous and responsive public anxious to do everything in its power to aid our Government in its war effort.

During the eight campaigns Vermonters have subscribed a little more than three hundred million dollars in War Savings Bonds, and with the thriftiness common to Vermonters, a great part of the Bonds are still in the hands of the purchasers. As a matter of fact, the redemption rate for Bonds in Vermont is among the lowest in the entire nation. This is as it should be. Vermont has a reputation to maintain.

This method of saving through the purchase of Savings Bonds has proved so popular that the Treasury Department will continue the sale of Series E, F and G Bonds through banks and post offices, through the Payroll Savings Plan and through a School Savings Plan.

As we assure you of our gratitude for your response in past campaigns, we also ask that you continue to buy and hold United States Savings Bonds through our peace-time program.

THE WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR VERMONT

D. Arnold Skelly, Executive Manager

WHERE THE MONEY WENT IN 1945.

Selectmen's Department

Fixed Charges:

Old Age Assistance assessment	\$ 735.00	
U. S. Route 302 assessment	881.66	
County Tax and Farm Bureau assessment	126.75	
Town Bonds paid and retired	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,243.41

Interest:

On Bonds and Borrowed Money	825.50
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Cemetery:

Cemetery Fund account	\$ 130.54	
Care of Cemetery	101.17	
	<hr/>	231.71

Winter Roads	\$ 1,396.91	
Salaries and mileage	740.39	
Repairs and maintenance on truck and tractor	1,511.98	
General Expenses	2,300.23	
Bridges	61.79	
Borrowed Money	3,000.00	
Community and Library Fund	1,700.00	
	<hr/>	\$10,711.30
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\$15,061.92

Less:

Cemetery Fund money	\$ 130.54	
Order No. 50 loaned to school	1,700.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,830.54

Net Cost to Town \$13,231.38

School Department

Total Expenditures		\$19,439.18
Received from State	\$4,879.04	
Federal Aid	914.30	
Tuition	746.00	
Lease Land	24.00	
Miscellaneous	36.22	
Rebate on Transportation Tax	98.14	
	<hr/>	6,697.70

Net Cost to Town \$12,741.48

Overseer's Department

Total paid out		\$ 2,848.83
Rebates	\$ 464.50	

Net Cost to Town \$ 2,384.33

Highway Department

Selected Highways	\$4,042.89	
Unselected Highways	2,411.50	
Town Highways	1,874.26	
Winter roads by Commissioner	378.60	
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Received from State and other sources for roads		\$ 8,707.25
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Net Cost to Town		\$ 175.38
Paid Outstanding orders	\$ 5.00	
Bank Service Charge	6.00	
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		11.00
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Total Net Cost to Town		\$28,543.57
Less receipts from other sources and balance on hand		
February 1, 1945 (\$5,329.26 + \$4,445.54)		9,774.80
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Total Net Cost to Town		\$18,768.77
Balance on hand February 1, 1946		9,155.46
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Total amount of tax collected		\$27,924.23

Abstract of Grand List and Taxes Raised

Total appraised valuation of taxable Real Estate	\$417,530.00
Total appraised valuation of Personal Property	64,544.00
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Total valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property	\$482,074.00
One per cent of total appraised valuation	\$ 4,820.74
320 Polls at \$1.00 each	320.00
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	\$ 5,140.74

Town Grand List

Taxes assessed on \$4.43 on the dollar, plus 320	\$25,732.59
Polls at \$2.50 each, total	7,228.65
Taxes outstanding, February 1, 1945	.42
Plus gain from fraction of cents	157.63
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	\$33,119.29
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Total amount collected	\$27,924.23
Discount	363.36
Tax outstanding Feb. 1, 1946	4,831.70
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	\$33,119.29

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Tractor and snow plows	\$ 4,000.00
Ford truck	800.00
Two road machines	875.00
Three safes	1,000.00
70 rolls snow fence	550.00
One sander	100.00
Culvert thawer	150.00
School Property	28,900.00
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	\$36,375.00

We have audited the reports of the several town officers.

EARL ROCK

B. L. BROWN

R. N. CARPENTER

Auditors.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES—1945

Eugene Franklin Dennis of Groton and Ida Angelica Welch of Groton. Married at Groton Feb. 22, by Rev. Robert J. Bracey.

Paul M. Frost of Groton and Helen Ruth Speight of Providence, R. I. Married at Groton by Rev. Robert J. Bracey.

Eugene Wilbur Darling of Groton and Marion Etta Emerson of Topsham. Married at Newbury, Vt., May 20, by Rev. Paul Herriott.

Vern Trafford Haskell of Groton and Susan Priscilla Walker of Cabot. Married at Cabot June 17, by Rev. E. H. Nickerson.

Wayne T. Brisette of Washington, Vt., and Theresa Lucille McQueen of Groton. Married at Barre, Vt., June 30, by Guy E. Mark.

Harold J. Driscoll of Hinesburg, Vt., and Priscilla E. Goodwin of Groton. Married at Shelburne, Vt., Aug. 6, by William J. Cain.

Alton Ivan Whitehill of Groton and Pearl Lucille Sayers of Ryegate, Vt. Married at Wells River, Vt., Sept. 24, by M. C. Mays.

Americo Louis Rosa of So. Ryegate and Bernadine Eastman of Groton. Married at Wells River, Vt., Aug. 7, by M. C. Mays.

Rogowski, Joseph of Groton and Barbara Ada Brown of Groton. Married at Groton Dec. 9, 1945, by Robert J. Bracey.

BIRTHS—1945

Everett Charles Page, son of Horace A. Page and Laura Mae (Williams) Page, born Feb. 22, 1945.

Elsie Jean Gamble, daughter of Richard J. Gamble and Lucille Madeline (Williams) Gamble, born Mar. 1, 1945.

Brenda Mary Hart, daughter of Bernard Hart and Madaline (Willette) Hart, born May 4, 1945.

Lois Jane White, daughter of Philip T. White and Nellie Mae (Roberts) White, born June 28, 1945.

Terrence Paul Rielly, son of Peter Joseph Rielly and Mildred Jean (Frost) Rielly, born July 3, 1945.

D'ane Marta Hutchins, daughter of Martyn R. Hutchins and Vivian Jessilee (Hood) Hutchins, born June 26, 1945.

Gretta Joan Heath, daughter of Waldo Zane Heath, Jr., and Marjorie Ella (McQuesten) Heath, born Oct. 28, 1945.

Laura Faye Perkins, daughter of Gordon David Perkins and Arlene Elizabeth (Barnes) Perkins, born July 23, 1945.

Rodney Wayland Jordan, son of Hollis E. Jordan and Fay Marie (Haskell) Jordan, born July 31, 1945.

Verona Jordan

DEATHS—1945

Apr. 8, Mrs. Emma J. Harris, age 75 yrs., 11 mos., 17 days.

Oct. 21, Lena Sinclair Clark, age 62 yrs., 7 mos., 8 days.

Dec. 1, Eliza (Emery) Lund, age 76 yrs., 6 mos.

Dec. 8, Thomas Merrin, age 77 yrs., 6 mos., 4 days.

Groton Cemetery

Permanent Funds—Year Ending Jan. 31, 1946.

Deposited in Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

No. Book	Lot	Fund	Care	Balance
17872	John Benzie	\$ 108.04	\$ 3.00	\$ 105.04

Deposited in Quarry Savings Bank & Trust Co.

13837	David H. Vance	101.73		101.73
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Deposited in Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co.

43220	George H. Vance	132.60		132.60
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Deposited in Barton Savings Bank & Trust Co.

14923	George Burnham	102.41	2.41	100.00
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Deposited in Merchants National Bank

6663	Lennie Brock	103.17	3.17	100.00
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Deposited in Barre Trust Company

3291	Moses Plummer	86.47	1.60	84.87
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Deposited in The Peoples National Bank

25234	Keenan and Renfrew	103.60	1.75	101.85
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Deposited in Passumpsic Savings Bank

48104	John Crown	101.50	1.50	100.00
47829	Daniel Roberts	51.03	.50	50.53
47749	J. A. Welch	107.11	2.10	105.01
47116	Franklin Emery	177.59		177.59
46803	E. J. Clark & D. Coffrin	102.48	2.00	100.48
44466	David & Geo. Whitehill	104.04	1.25	102.79
42337	Timothy Emery	107.19	2.00	105.19
43263	George R. Brown	103.90	2.00	101.90
43154	Jessie Heath	51.62	.50	51.12
39570	M. & B. M. & F. M. Weld	209.45	5.00	204.45
43344	Morris D. Coffrin	107.35	3.00	104.35
40864	S. P. Welch	106.95	2.50	104.45
35369	A. P. Renfrew	302.06	7.00	295.06

Deposited in Wells River Savings Bank

14185	Richard C. Annis	103.52	1.50	102.02
11198	Frank Ricker	105.32	3.00	102.32
11200	William Ricker	119.15	3.25	115.90
12090	John Butson	105.03	2.00	103.03
12683	G. P. Sanderson	76.32	.50	75.82
13154	Phoebe Bailey	103.99	2.00	101.99
13608	James K. Adams	51.22	.50	50.72
13823	James A. Gerald	102.78		102.78
13853	Frank P. Heath	50.92	.50	50.42
14059	Robert T. Heath	101.92	1.00	100.92
14452	Clark C. Crown	153.94	4.50	149.44
14453	Timothy Morrison	156.27	2.75	153.52
14451	Frank C. Crown	156.27	3.00	153.27
14394	George H. Vance	101.55	1.00	100.55
14524	Peter Welch	154.83	2.00	152.83
14702	Augustus Heath & Wife Grover C. Smith & Wife Hulda Heath Chas. F. Robinson & Wife	822.53	11.00	811.53
14858	Annual Venner	313.59	2.00	311.59
14930	A. T. & Mary Dennis	102.78	2.75	100.03
15042	Jacob H. Welch	100.60	2.00	98.60
15045	Eva A. Bailey	157.95		157.95
15299	David Lumsden	206.06		206.06
15332	Nelson Whitcher	102.39	.50	101.89
15331	Albert Whitehill	102.39	.50	101.89
15480	Percy Lund	102.01		102.01

Deposited in Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Co.

27881	Nathan H. Ricker	402.40		402.40
33523	W. H. Glover	102.61	2.50	100.11
31119	S. E. Page	230.16	4.50	225.66
32646	J. H. Welch	108.18	3.75	104.43
18290	F. R. Seaver	156.12	2.25	153.87
18289	Meroa H. Renfrew	264.27	3.00	261.27
22878	William Dow	146.95	2.25	144.70
27196	H. L. Gilman	372.97	6.00	366.97
27024	William Taisey	105.64	2.50	103.14
29672	W. L. Wiles	115.83	2.50	113.33
23732	Lester Lowe	115.85	2.75	113.10
37039	Alex and E. Renfrew	102.66	3.00	99.66

Deposited in Burlington Savings Bank

162823	Arthur	102.01	2.01	100.00
		\$8,224.73	\$124.54	\$8,349.27
			6.00	
			\$130.54	

By the provisions of the will of the late Mary J. R. Hall, the Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company was made Trustee of a fund of \$1,000.00 for the care of the Mary J. R. Ricker and John Taisey lots. The amount expended for care of these lots this year was \$6.00.

GERALD MORSE

Notice

TOWN MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Groton who are legal voters in Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Morrison hall in Groton Village on Tuesday, March 5, 1946 A.D. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to-wit:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Article 3. To take action on the Town Reports as printed.
- Article 4. To elect all necessary Town Officers and fix their compensation.
- Article 5. To see if the town will vote money for band concerts; if so, how much at \$20 per concert?
- Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of \$200 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.
- Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise money to retire bonds due each year and pay current expenses of the town.
- Article 8. To see if the town will vote to declare a recess for the purpose of holding the annual School Meeting at the close of this meeting.
- Article 9. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount of 2% on taxes on Real Estate and Personal Property if paid on or before August 10th and 1% if paid on or before October 10th.
- Article 10. To see if the town will empower the School Board to sell or otherwise dispose of school houses no longer necessary as such.
- Article 11. To see if the town will empower the School Board to drop such insurance policies as it sees fit.
- Article 12. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?

Article 13. Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?

Article 14. To see if the town will vote a sum of money; if so, how much, for a recreation program for the young people?

Article 15. To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

On adjournment of above meeting the legal voters of Groton Town School District will meet to transact the following business:

First. To elect a Moderator.

Second. To elect a School Director for three years.

Third. To vote the necessary money for the support of the schools.

Fourth. To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Dated at Groton, Vermont, this 18th day of February A.D. 1946.

GERALD MORSE

JOHN FRENCH

H. P. RICKER

Selectmen.

